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Washington, D.C. 20505

19 April 1984

Mr. Richard Kaufman
Assistant Director
Joint Economic Committee
Dirkson Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dick:

We appreciate your willingness to participate in the Defense Economics Seminar. As I mentioned on the phone, this course has been very successful; it allows us to explain what we do to a large number of potential consumers. Enclosed is the bulletin describing the course and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions. The course will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, 4600 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. [redacted] will call you the week before the course to notify you of the room number and to verify the time.

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The general focus of the course is a detailed look at how the estimates are made, the assumptions behind them, what they are intended to do, and how they are perceived. A tentative outline is enclosed to give you an idea of the other topics in the course. The sessions are as formal or as informal as the speakers want to make them. I would think that a talk based on your "Causes of the Slowdown" paper would fit in well with the general focus of the course.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact [redacted]

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Enclosure:
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**SUBJECT: Letter to Richard Kaufman, Joint Economic Committee, Discussing the
Upcoming Defense Economics Seminar**

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DEFENSE ECONOMICS:
A SEMINAR ON SOVIET DEFENSE
EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

30 April - 4 May 1984



The Information Science Center, in conjunction with the Office of Soviet Analysis, will present a seminar on what a recent editorial in The Washington Post called "the most important political number in the world" -- estimates of the costs of the Soviet defense effort. The CIA's estimating procedures, results, and the implications of its estimates will be the primary focus of the seminar, although complementary methodologies and criticisms of the CIA approach also will be presented.

Some areas to be examined are:

1. The Soviet decision process for budget making; in particular, the allocation of resources for defense.
2. Defense production and its relationship with the rest of the economy.
3. Problems in estimating the Soviet defense effort.
4. The CIA estimating methodology.
5. Results of recent work: trends and comparisons.
6. Future trends in Soviet defense costs.

The seminar format encourages maximum participation. Minimal outside work may be requested.

ELIGIBILITY:

Analysts and officers at all levels whose responsibilities may require a knowledge of the methods and estimates of defense expenditures analysis.

SECURITY:

Final TOP SECRET, SI/SAO security clearance is required. The applicant's agency or department should be prepared to transmit security clearances by TWX to CIA/CIB, Attention: SO/OTE. The TWX should cite student name, social security number, date and title of course, as well as clearance status. These certifications should not be transmitted until agency or department training officers are notified of the acceptance of their nominee.

DATE and TIME:

30 April - 4 May 1984; 0900 - 1600

REGISTRATION:

Training officers in each agency or department will receive requests for enrollment. They will then prepare a memorandum which will contain, in priority order, the names, grades or ranks, and social security numbers of the applicants. This memorandum must be received at the following address no later than 12 April 1984.

Central Intelligence Agency
Office of Training and Education
Information Science Center
Washington, D. C. 20505

Notifications of student acceptance will be made by phone to agency and department training officers on or before 20 April 1984.

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